

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed October 15, 2004, in which claims 74-77 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, elected claims 70-72 are cancelled and indicated allowable claims 74 and 77 are rewritten in independent form included all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 73 is amended to depend from indicated allowable claim 74 so that claims 73 and 75-76 depend either directly from an indicated allowable claim. In addition, non-elected claims 43-69 and 78-89 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 73-77 are pending in the instant application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 73-77 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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